

Appl. No. 09/787,328
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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An isolated DNA molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide comprising thean amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The DNA molecule of Claim 1 whercin said nucleotide sequence encodes a polypeptide consisting of thean amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4.

Claim 3 (original): The DNA molecule of Claim 1 wherein said nucleotide sequence comprises the nucleotide sequence of nucleotides 121-732 in SEQ ID NO: 3.

Claims 4-5 (canceled)

Claim 6 (original): A vector containing the DNA sequence of Claim 1.

Claim 7 (currently amended): An isolated host cell transformed by the vector of Claim 6.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The host cell of claim 7 which is *E. coli*.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The host cell of claim 7 which is an eukaryotic cell.

Claim 10 (currently amended): A method for producing HDGF2 protein, which comprises the steps of:

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- (a) forming an expression vector comprising the nucleotide sequence encoding HDGF2 protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4, wherein said nucleotide sequence is operably linked with an expression regulatory sequences;
- (b) introducing the vector of step (a) into a host cell, thereby forming a recombinant cell of HDGF2 protein;
- (c) culturing the recombinant cell of step (b) under the conditions suitable for expression of HDGF2 protein; and
- (d) isolating the HDGF2 protein.

Claim 11 (original): The method of Claim 10 wherein said nucleotide sequence comprises nucleotides 121-732 of SEQ ID NO: 3.

Claims 12-15 (canceled)